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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. Per se the request of Supervisory Patent Examiner Lanna Mai the following Office action has been reiterated for the benefit of the applicant.

2. The specification is objected to for it uses inconsistent terminology in association with a specified reference numeral. For example: page 3, line 27 "U-shaped frame section 10" and page 4, line 3 "holder 10"; page 4, line 28 "threshold section 19" and line 29 "frame section 19". Each particular reference numeral is to be used in designating a single specific element.

On page 5, line 1 states that figure 3 shows the pulling beam 9, however, figure 3 does not illustrate the reference numeral 9.

Correction is required.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 7-9,13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Thumann. Thumann discloses a device for sealing including frame sections 58,42,38,114,118 mounted to decorative parts 18,20.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

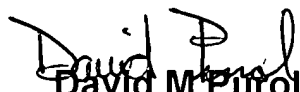
Claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thumann in view of Poppema. While Thumann does not disclose the use of a threshold or an upper frame section, Poppema discloses a device for sealing comprising a threshold 22,40,79 and an upper frame section 24,328,330, wherein, to incorporate this teaching into the device for sealing of Thumann for the purpose of maintaining the screen in a predetermined path across the selected opening would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

5. The applicant argues that the claims have been amended to make it clear that the frame members are mounted on the opposed side walls that face each other and are not mounted on the outwardly facing portion of the casing wherein it is urged that the Thumann reference does not disclose a frame section with a securing edge mounted to one of the opposing side walls. It is noted that this argument is more specific than the claims for the claims of the instant application are drawn to the device for sealing per se and not to the combination of the device for sealing and the casing.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to David M Purol at telephone number 571/272-6833.

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